



MAIL STOP RCE
Attorney Docket No. 26274

IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re Application of:

FRANCHI et al.

Serial No.: 10/506,407

Group Art Unit: 1617

Filed: September 1, 2004

Examiner: A.M. Cotton

For: **COSMETIC USE OF PHYTOSPHINGOSINE AS A SLIMMING AGENT
AND COSMETIC COMPOSITIONS COMPRISING PHYTOSPHINGOSINE**

RESPONSE TO OFFICE ACTION DATED FEBRUARY 1, 2007

MAIL STOP AMENDMENT

Commissioner for Patents

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Sir:

A Notice of Appeal and Petition Requesting a Three Month Extension of Time were filed in the captioned application on March 14, 2008. As such, an appeal brief was due on May 14, 2008. Applicants submit herewith Petition Requesting a Three Month Extension of Time, thereby extending the period for filing until August 14, 2008. Applicants hereby submit this response and amendment, along with a Request for Continued Examination, in order to address the rejections of the Office Action dated September 14, 2007, which were further discussed in the Advisory Action dated March 24, 2008.

Please amend the application as follows: